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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Title: **NEAR INFRARED FLUORESCENT CONTRAST AGENT AND FLUORESCENCE IMAGING**

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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated August 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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